



Global Drinks  
Education

2026

YEARBOOK

# WELCOME NEW ALUMNI



## Your journey with WSET continues

Graduation is just the beginning. As part of our alumni community, you'll enjoy access to exclusive resources, events, and opportunities to stay connected and grow your network.



### DipWSET

Showcase your achievement by using your postnominal DipWSET.



### Newsletter

Receive regular updates featuring news, opportunities, and community highlights.



### Events

Webinars and in-person meet-ups. Keep an eye on our website.



### Exclusive offers

Enjoy special discounts and opportunities throughout the year.



### Global Campus

Your login remains active! Find resources in the alumni area.



### Update us

Keep your details current so we can support your future journey.

If you have any questions or ideas about how you'd like to get involved, contact us at [alumni@wsetglobal.com](mailto:alumni@wsetglobal.com).

Join our Diploma graduate groups and share your updates using #WSETalumni



# WSET YEARBOOK 2026

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## WSET at a glance



100,000+

students in  
2024/2025  
academic year



70+

countries



12

WSET  
qualifications



15

languages  
offered

# WELCOME FROM MICHELLE BRAMPTON, CEO



## Congratulations to the class of 2024/2025!



It's my pleasure to welcome you to this year's WSET Graduation – a celebration of the outstanding achievements of 714 graduates from 45 countries around the world, who have successfully completed their WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines or Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits.

Reaching this milestone is a significant accomplishment. The Diploma is a rigorous, demanding qualification that requires an unwavering commitment to excellence. You have demonstrated all of this and more. Your passion, resilience, and determination have brought you here today, and each of you should feel incredibly proud. I would also like to extend heartfelt congratulations to our scholarship and prize winners for their exceptional results.

You're joining a global community of more than 14,500 WSET Diploma graduates who are shaping the future of the drinks trade. The impact you can make reaches far beyond your own career – you can inspire the next generation to spark curiosity and elevate standards in every area of the global drinks trade.

This year's ceremony, held at the QEII Centre for the first time, marks an exciting moment for WSET as this new space allows us to welcome more of you and your guests to celebrate your achievements together.

We're continuing to evolve into a more global, inclusive and multi-category organisation. Today is the first public unveiling of our refreshed brand identity which reflects our ambition to ensure WSET remains a trusted, relevant and forward-looking leader in drinks education. We remain committed to working with partners around the world to make drinks education more accessible. Together, we're helping to empower people and support the drinks industry from producer to consumer.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors and partners for their continuing support. Their belief in our mission helps ensure that more people, in more places, can benefit from a WSET education.

Warmest congratulations once again. Wherever your journey takes you next, I hope you continue to seek more, discover more and share more.

Warmest wishes,  
**Michelle Brampton**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Brampton".

# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DRINKS SPONSORS

## Headline drinks sponsor

# Laurent-Perrier

We are delighted to celebrate this milestone with the generous support of Laurent-Perrier, our new Gold Partner and one of Champagne's most respected family owned Houses. Established in Tours-sur-Marne in 1812, Laurent-Perrier is renowned for its pioneering spirit and commitment to sustainable viticulture, as well as its mastery of three distinctive savoir-faire: blending reserve wines, maceration and non-dosage.

This evening, graduates are raising a glass of Laurent-Perrier Héritage, a cuvée inspired by the artistry behind Grand Siècle. Crafted exclusively from exceptional reserve wines, predominantly Chardonnay with Pinot Noir, from 40 Crus including 50% Grands Crus, Héritage is aged for a minimum of four years to achieve remarkable balance and precision.

With notes of lemon, white peach, toasted almonds and floral honey, its freshness, elegance and maturity make it a fitting toast to celebrate graduate achievements.



## Supporting drinks sponsors

**BOLNEY**  
ENGLISH WINE

  
**CHAPEL DOWN**

  
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ENGLAND

 **DASSAI**

SPARKLING  
SINGLE TEA ORIGIN  
**SAICHO**

MAS  
DES | **INFIRMIÈRES** |



# PARTNERSHIPS

Improving access to drinks education for individuals globally.

The WSET Partnerships Programme brings together organisations that share our commitment to making drinks education accessible to people around the world. With the support of 46 partners, we're delivering meaningful projects that expand opportunities, remove barriers, and help build a more diverse and inclusive global drinks community. By partnering with us, businesses can strengthen their own goals while contributing to positive social impact.

To learn more about joining us as a Partner, contact the team at [partnerships@wsetglobal.com](mailto:partnerships@wsetglobal.com).



## Why support WSET?



### Impact

Help create positive change for people around the world while strengthening your organisation's CSR impact.



### Opportunities

Help us to make drinks education globally accessible by removing barriers.



### Benefits

We offer our partners discounts, recognition and opportunities to collaborate on impactful brand activity.

## How partner support helps us make a difference



1000+  
individuals supported



20+  
projects



14+  
countries reached



33+  
collaborators

Our social impact since launching the programme in August 2023.

# OUR PARTNERS

WSET would like to thank all our partners for their continuing support.

## Gold Partners



## Silver Partners



## Bronze Partners



# DIPLOMA GRADUATES

The following students completed the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines or Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits in the 2024/2025 academic year. They join a global community of more than 14,500 graduates who are recognised by the postnominal DipWSET.



**Honorary President,  
Dr Laura Catena**

“Graduation marks an important moment in a lifelong commitment to learning. At its best, drinks education brings together science, place and culture, encouraging critical thinking and a deeper understanding of how knowledge can improve quality and sustainability across our industry. WSET graduates share a common language that allows these ideas to be explored and communicated globally.

As Honorary President, I am proud to support WSET’s rigorous approach to education and its commitment to sustainability and inclusion. The intellectual curiosity and discipline shown by this year’s graduates give me great confidence in the future of our industry. I look forward to seeing how you apply your knowledge and contribute to one of humanity’s oldest cultural traditions - the enjoyment of a drink in the company of friends, family and a delicious meal.”

## **American Wine School**

### **Chicago, USA**

Nate Cornish  
Enrique Del Barco  
Alaina Dodds Leech  
Thomas Hensel  
Kiana Keys  
Adam Perkins  
Mary Regan  
Matthew Reznik  
Kelly Rozny  
Eric Sigmund  
Jacquelin Trabilsky  
Laurel Wear  
Blair Zachariasen

## **ASC Fine Wines**

### **Shanghai, China**

Hao Fang  
Shiqi Fu  
Ji Huang  
Ning Ma

Yufeng Mao

Zisong Qiu

Xinyi Qu

Siyang Wei

Xiulian Wei

Yuan Yang

## **AWSEC Hong Kong**

### **Hong Kong SAR, China**

Cho Wai Chan  
Angeline Chang  
Olivia Chau  
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Ling Kit Cheung  
Andy Chiu  
Ka Man Choi  
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Rong Cong  
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Brault Gil  
Manda Sicilian Hartono Oei  
Suda Hongsongtham

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Sin Chi Ip

Hardik Jhaveri

YingYan Jiang

Tak Yau Kwong

Steven Laine

Hei Chun Lam

Jacky Lam

Shing Yuen Lam

Tsun Ngai, Ambrose Lau

Kin Sing Law

Khanh Vi Le Hoang

Tak Nga Zoe Lee

Wenli Li

Kar Hui Liew

Chengzheng Liu

Ka Shing Terry Lo

Sheung Ming Sherman Lo

Su Xing Lu

Jose Luis Lucas Baptista Diniz

Samuel Hin Fun Luk

Xiaoyan Luo

Fazil Mohammad

Valeria Morado

John Craig Mulhern

Kavya Murali

Charlotte North

Po Yin Poon

Meng Ren

Eng Liang Soh

Pollakorn Srisung

Brenton Surgenor

Mang Kwan Patrick Tam

Lixuan Tan

Wai Chun Tang

Yee Harn Teh

Duc Linh Vu

Pengtao Wang

Ming Kei Wong

Wai Man Raymond Wong

Tze Ling Yeoh

Hoi Ching Joyce Yeung

Feng Zhang

Xinqi Zhou

Nicolas de Souza

Rosalie Fanale

Holly Rocco Feraci

Jamie Franklin

Elyse Genderson

Christopher Hannan

Anthony Krueger

Raymond Kurz

Jessica Lahey

Katharine Linek

Binhong Lu

Carolyn Pifer Covington

Daniel Runnerstrom

Melissa Santos

Stefan Stoynov

Shuxian Xu

## **Caplan Wine Academy**

### **Tokyo, Japan**

Satoko Abe

Eric Gasqueres

Atsushi Hattori

Kenji Hayashi

Miho Hirano

Tatsuhiko Hirano

Tomoko Hoshina

Satsuki Inoue

Ikumi Ishimoto

Momoko Kusano

Dajeong Lim

Masaki Matsumae

Hiroshi Miura

Jong Hyuk Moon

Moeki Nakagawa

Ryoko Nakao

Takuya Onuma

Minako Origuchi

Takeshi Satake

Yosuke Sato

Rena Senkawa

Yu Shiozawa

Emi Takeda

Kenichiro Tomioka

Kazuki Uehara

Chi Sun Won

Misao Yamada

Yoko Yamashita

Ryo Yanagihara

Hiroshi Yoshijima

Yura Yun

## **Capital Wine**

### **School LLC**

### **Washington DC, USA**

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Ian Carlin

Mika Carlin

Anthony Catalino

## **Commonwealth Wine School**

### **California and New England, USA**

Dominique Archambault  
Véronique Barretto  
Gabriela Calderon  
Lucia Campo  
Erin Dahill  
Kyle Gilliam  
Lauren Karch  
Derrick Kennedy  
Matthew Kochard  
Katharina Leshikar  
Michael McDuff  
Mikaela Mikolaitis  
Samantha Nelmes  
Sriharsa Pradhan  
Marie Roguski  
Juan Carlos Rojas  
Jeremy Shaw  
Kristin Tarbell  
Alexander Trudel  
Emma van Campen  
Seok Ho Yoo

### **Culinary Academy of Norway**

#### **Oslo, Norway**

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Kia Haugen Baardseth  
Svein Erik Hole  
Janine Marquez  
Marianne Monin  
Natalia Stratan

### **Dragon Phoenix**

#### **Beijing, China**

Sheng Chen  
Xiaoyin Cui  
Huihua Huang  
Hanxiao Liu  
Siyu Liu  
Jen-Hao Ou  
Fengyi Su  
Qiong Sun  
Yenling Tang  
Miao Wang  
Yangyin Xia  
Chunlei Xie  
Hefei Zhang  
Yu Zhou

### **Enjoy Discovering Wine**

#### **Southampton, UK**

Balwantray Chauhan  
Matthew Clark  
Hugh Currell  
Jack Evans  
Mark Follows  
Jack Grey  
Anna Hayward  
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Andrew Knowles  
Shaun Parry-Jones  
Caroline Sharley

### **EnoCultura**

#### **São Paulo, Brazil**

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Luis Fernando Nora Beloti

### **Esprits-de-Vins**

#### **Macon, France**

Ester Brauer  
Zoé Coussemacker  
Xavier Ligot  
Bruno André Mota  
Manon Ricoux

### **Fine Vintage**

#### **Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto**

Maxwell Brayer  
Amanda Carter  
Dhira Chowdhury  
Heather Coté  
Yiming Ding  
Marine Gilles  
Teri Gosselin  
Gabrielle Guindon  
Daniel John Hinchey  
Jennifer Hungerford  
Matthew Jacobson  
Martha Jamieson  
Hong Liu  
Trina Plamondon  
Chris Prelypchan  
Perdita Sawyers  
Xiao Min Tang  
Jennifer Tocher  
Aaron Vopni  
Dawn Wreford

### **Gastronomisches Bildungszentrum Koblenz**

#### **Koblenz, Germany**

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Nathalie Fetzter-Hoernig  
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Florian Ziebart

### **Independent Wine Education Guild**

#### **Toronto, Canada**

Heather Barry  
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Maryann Gioe  
Kimberley Gorman  
Tara Hagarty  
Yu Han

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Junxing Li  
Etienne Martin  
Michael Morin  
Brittany Sabourin  
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Lorraine Surgeoner  
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Xiao Zhang

### **International Wine Center – New York**

#### **New York City, USA**

Samuel Aragon  
Deniece Bourne  
Erin Edmonds  
David Fischer  
Sydney Fusto  
Gina Grilli  
Amy Karasavas  
Vanessa Rhode  
Gambrelle Snyder  
Catalina Vieira  
Victoria Vigliotti  
Dean Villani  
Marc Werner  
Amy Wright

### **Napa Valley Wine Academy**

#### **Napa, USA**

Inessa Balter  
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### **Neptune School of Wine**

#### **Costa Mesa, USA**

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Xin Xiong



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### **Auckland, New Zealand**

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## **PhillyWine**

### **Philadelphia, USA**

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Shuan Chen  
Erin Fedorko  
Cristine Hoffman  
William Kaelin  
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Debi Quinn<sup>1</sup>

## **Prince Wine Store**

### **Melbourne, Australia**

Lewis Baldwin  
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Branden Dekenah  
Janette Fankhauser  
Hiroki Fujimitsu  
Kyeoreh Han  
Rodney Hunt  
John McGeehan  
Marie Pousse  
Robin ter Elst  
Timothy Tsoulos  
Andrew Wilkinson  
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## **Restaurangakademien**

### **Stockholm, Sweden**

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Elsa Holmberg

## **Sydney Wine Academy**

### **Sydney, Australia**

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James Griffin  
Lisa Guenther  
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### **Adelaide, Australia**

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### **Cape Town, South Africa**

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### **Houston, USA**

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## **Wine & Spirit Archive**

### **Oregon, USA**

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### **Helsinki, Finland**

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### **Belgium, Luxembourg & The Netherlands, EMEA**

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Besimi Dedvukaj  
Joep Denneman  
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Jeppe Madsen

Anastassia Masneva  
Lisa Nonken  
Jochen Riga  
Harold Smeenge  
Nathalie Thielebeule  
Federico Trani  
Sylvia van der Male  
Margeretha van Lieshout  
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## **WiSP**

### **Bordeaux and Paris, France**

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Sophia Benani  
Adelaide Biret  
Jérôme Chapel  
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Alexandre Cohen  
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Hervé Le Guennec  
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Mélanie Piermay  
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Stefan Scherf  
Sarah Seguret  
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2. Graduate from 2023/2024

## WSET School London

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Jennifer Cassidy

Alasdair Cathcart

Luiza Cazarin Silva

Yuen Mei Chan

Tilemachos Chatzioannidis

Chau Ping Cheng

Anne Christiansen

Chin-Ting Chu

Mauritius Coetzee-Naude

Adam Constable

Susan Cope

Simone Cossu

Solanche Craven

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Hannah Howard

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Javier Iturrarte Perez

Rebecca James

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Lindsay Jones

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Janet Katalinic

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Adam Kennedy

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Alastair King

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Tze Kong

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Rosslyn Lawson

Cédric Legat

Youlia Likhatina

Andrew Lofthouse

Tommy Løkke

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Charles-Albin Louriais

Yijun Lu

Gianmarco Luppi

Nicholas Maddock

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Immacolata Mauro

Andrew May

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Florence McCarthy

Jonathan McCarthy

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Paul Moran

David Nettleship

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Nich Ørum

Catherine O'Shea

Ferran Pacheco Guallarte

Pietro Palma

Johnnie Parkhurst

Federico Pascoli

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Pragneshbhai Patel

José Pestana Ferraz Da Silva

Louis Peyre

Davide Piccolo

Natalja Piiskoppel

Remy Pinson

Gemma Pollard

Caroline Puygrenier

Max Quigley

Paul Raftery

Dario Raguso

Claire Raisen

Marek Janusz Rakowski

Catherine Richards

Morgan Richards

John Rigby

Claire Robba

Nicole Jacinta Roche

Katie Rooney

Rex Rosales

Martha Rudd

Francesca Sagramoso

Shreeraj Salunke

Beatrice Sartirana

Pascal Schmassmann

Eleanor Scott

Dominic Searle

Sally Shackleton-Tallis

Georgia Sharp

Richard Sheaves

Evgeniya Shibaeva

Diane Signolle

Magdalena Śleziak

Anastasia Smirnova

Megan Smith

Michael Smith

Oliver Smith

Victoria Smith

Cintia Solá Alsina

Anna Stepanova

Douwe Steyn

Sara Stopford-Pickering

Tatti Sukamongkol

Mashoom Tait

Maxim Taite-Ellis

Jordi Tarradellas Algué

Molly Tawse

Jasper Taylor

Michael Tierney

Karolina Tisikaite

Niels Toase

Shivani Tomar

Angelo Turi

Susanne Vesterager

Mayuri Vyas

Dominic Walker

Madalaine Walters-Nicholson

Leah Wang

Henry Warnock-Smith

Matthew Welch

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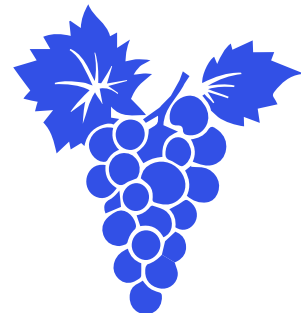
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Janez Zdešar

Magdalena Ziarko

Clizia Zuin



# OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD



The Outstanding Alumni Award, presented annually in partnership with JancisRobinson.com, celebrates the achievements of WSET's global alumni community. Each year, alumni are invited to nominate their winner by shining a spotlight on the inspiring work of Diploma graduates around the world.

The 2025 award recognises an exceptional contribution to creating positive change within the global drinks community.



**Cathy Marston**  
DipWSET

## 2025 Winner

Cathy Marston DipWSET is the co-owner of the International Wine Education Centre (IWEC) in South Africa and a pioneering force behind the growth of WSET education across the African continent. After beginning her wine career in the UK, she moved to Cape Town and became WSET's first Approved Programme Provider in Africa in 2011. Since then, she has taught hundreds of students across seven countries, many of whom now hold senior roles in the wine and hospitality sectors.

Cathy is recognised today for expanding access to internationally respected wine qualifications for thousands of African learners, including through her transformative work with the Pinotage Youth Development Academy. Her commitment to breaking down financial and educational barriers has strengthened WSET's global reach and supported the development of a new generation of wine professionals in South Africa.

She believes deeply in the life-changing potential of wine education, and continues to champion opportunities for the next generation. "All they need is a chance to show what they could do."

## Previous Winners

### 2016

Isabelle Legeron, DipWSET

### 2017

Sarah Jane Evans MW, DipWSET

### 2018

Caro Maurer MW, DipWSET

### 2019

Ferran Centelles DipWSET

### 2021

Ferdinand Mayr DipWSET

### 2022

Alexandra Schrecengost, DipWSET

### 2023

Sonal Holland MW, DipWSET

### 2024

Gus Jian Zhu MW, DipWSET



Left to right: Michelle Brampton, Jancis Robinson MW, Gus Jian Zhu DipWSET and Dr Laura Catena.

# PRIZES

Celebrating candidates with outstanding WSET exam results, supported by the generosity of our sponsors and partners.



## Level 3 Award in SPIRITS



### The Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow Earl of Forfar Scholarship

A UK student is awarded a study trip to a cooperage and a whisky blending session in Glasgow.



**Hsi-Chen (David) Hsiao**

WSET School London



### Worshipful Company of Distillers' EMEA Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to study a spirit producing region.



**Isabelle Roullier**

WiSP



### Worshipful Company of Distillers' Americas Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to study a spirit producing region.



**Devon Briscoe**

Statera Academy



### Delamain Cognac Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to study a spirit producing region.



**Sherwin Chew**

The Beverage Clique



## Level 3 Award in SAKE



### Dassai Sake Prize

The two top students globally are awarded a bursary towards a study trip to the Dassai brewery in Japan.



**Luther Williamson**

WSET School London



**Wai Man Raymond Wong**

Hong Kong Wine Academy



### Conseil Interprofessionnel du Vin de Bordeaux Prize

A UK student is awarded a study trip to Bordeaux, including a course at Bordeaux Ecole du Vin.



**Claire Hamilton**  
Belfast Wine School



### Peter Hampson Memorial Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Johan Magne Haugland**  
Culinary Academy of Norway



### Decanter Americas Prize

An Americas student is awarded a study bursary for use towards WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines fees.



**Nathaniel Cross**  
Fine Vintage



### Decanter APAC Prize

An APAC student is awarded a study bursary for use towards the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines fees.



**Jin Liu**  
DW Chunju



### M&S Yves Fourcade Prize

A UK student is awarded a bursary to use towards further studies or a trip of their choice.



**Isla Letts**  
Belfast Wine School



### Peter Hampson Memorial Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Krzysztof Sajnog**  
Weinakademie Osterreich GmbH

## D1 Wine Production



### Merendino Wine Production Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to support further studies in wine or a study trip of their choice.



**Dieter Ploeger**  
Napa Valley Wine Academy



### Patrick Sandeman Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners' to study a wine producing region.



**Cerine Lee**  
AWSEC Hong Kong

## D2 Global Business



### Bibendum Prize

A UK student is awarded a five-day work experience with Bibendum's buying team.



**Viola Brenke**  
WSET School  
London



### Consorzio Franciacorta Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary towards a trip to Franciacorta, Italy.



**Fabrice Brossard**  
WiSP



### Merendingo Global Business Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to support further studies in wine or a study trip of their choice.



**Sheridan Kiple**  
American Wine  
School



### Marcia Waters Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners' to study a wine producing region.



**Haoqing Luo**  
AWSEC Hong  
Kong

## D3 Wines of the World (Tasting)



### Sogrape Wine Academy Prize

A UK student is awarded a study trip to Portugal, including an in-depth experience of Douro wines with the Sogrape Wine Academy.



**Charlie Richards**  
WSET School  
London



### Rioja Wine Academy Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a fully paid participation in Rioja Camp, an immersive educational experience.



**Meng Zhou**  
Weinakademie  
Osterreich  
GmbH



### Gérard Basset Memorial Prize and McNie Tasting Trophy

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Rita Cremeans**  
Napa Valley  
Wine Academy



### Coravin Prize

An APAC student is awarded a Coravin device.



**Samuel Hin  
Fun Luk**  
AWSEC Hong  
Kong

## D3 Wines of the World (Theory)

WINE  GB

### Wines of Great Britain Prize

A UK student is awarded a bursary to support a visit to the WineGB Trade Tasting and UK winery trips.



**Katherine Thomas**

WSET School London

HATCH MANSFIELD 

### Louis Jadot Burgundy Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a study trip to Burgundy and a magnum of Louis Jadot wine.



**Jing Lu Sun**

Weinakademie Oesterreich GmbH



### Merendino Wines of the World Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to support further studies in wine or a study trip of their choice.



**Jade Yu Han**

Independent Wine Education Guild



### Royal Tokaji Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Hao Fang**

ASC Fine Wines

## D4 Sparkling Wines

LIBERTY WINES

### Liberty Wines Prize

A UK student receives a trip to Veneto with Liberty Wines, including Vintaly attendance, producer visits, and evening events.



**Rebecca Hodges**

WSET School London

Laurent-Perrier

### Laurent-Perrier EMEA Prize

An EMEA student is awarded an exclusive visit to the Laurent-Perrier Cellars, with accommodation, hospitality and travel provided by Laurent-Perrier UK.



**Rymson Balentien**

WineWise

Laurent-Perrier

### Laurent-Perrier Americas prize

An Americas student is awarded an exclusive visit to the Laurent-Perrier Cellars, with accommodation, hospitality and travel provided by Laurent-Perrier US.



**Andrew Lincoln**

Napa Valley Wine Academy



### John Avery Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners' to study a wine producing region.



**Dongxue Yin**

Dragon Phoenix

## D5 Fortified Wines



### Lustau Sherry Trophy

A UK student is awarded a study trip to Jerez as guest of Emilio Lustau SA.



**Daniel Meijles**

WSET School London



### Taylor's Port Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a study trip to Taylors or a study bursary.



**Thomas Gardin**

Weinakademie Oesterreich GmbH



### Sandeman Port Prize

An Americas student is awarded a trip to Portugal and an in-depth experience of the Douro and Port Wine by Sandeman.



**Rosanne Sangiacomo**

American Wine School



### Graham's Port Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Gracie (Jie) Zhou**

AWSEC Hong Kong

## D6 Independent Research Assignment



### The Rhône Trophy

A UK student is awarded a case of Rhône wines, selected by Hallgarten and Novum.



**Feon Jia Ying Wong**

WSET School London



### Penfolds EMEA Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Josée Baudouin**

WISP Bordeaux



### Merendino Independent Research Assignment Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to support further studies in wine or a study trip of their choice.



**Andrea Erdmann**

Capital Wine School



### Michael Cox Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners' to study a wine producing region.



**Gregoire Rochon**

AWSEC Hong Kong

# WSET DEVELOP PRIZE



**Maria Bayley**

## 2025 Winner

The WSET Develop Prize, presented in collaboration between WSET and The Drinks Trust, recognises a Develop student who has shown outstanding commitment to advancing their education and professional development within the drinks industry.

As part of the prize, The Drinks Trust will present the winner with a curated selection of premium bottles to support and inspire their continued exploration of the world of drinks.

# GRADUATE PRIZES

Top all round performers  
for 2024/2025



## Derouet Jameson Award

The Derouet Jameson Memorial Foundation supports up to two students who work in the UK wine and spirit trade with funding for the Masters of Wine study course.



**Eleanor Scott**

WSET School London



**Mathilda Loughton**

WSET School London



## Decanter Americas Scholarship

The Decanter Americas Scholarship is a study bursary awarded to the student from the Americas who achieved the highest overall mark in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



**Federico Casassa**

Napa Valley Wine Academy



## IWSC EMEA Trophy

The IWSC Trophy and a bursary towards further wine studies is awarded to an EMEA student who achieved the highest overall mark across the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



**Mateusz Papiernik**

Weinakademie Osterreich GmbH



## Penfolds Asia Pacific Scholarship

The Penfolds Asia Pacific Scholarship is a study bursary awarded to the student from the APAC region who excelled in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



**Anthony Justice**

Sydney Wine Academy



THE VINTNERS' COMPANY

## Vintners' UK Scholarship

The Vintners' UK Scholarship is a bursary to study a wine producing region awarded to a student from the UK who achieved the highest overall mark in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



**Madeline O'Riordan**

WSET School London

# VINTNERS' CUP



The Worshipful Company of Vintners

The Vintners' Cup is awarded annually to the graduate achieving the highest aggregate mark across all units of the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines. The winner is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.

The Worshipful Company of Vintners is one of the City of London's Great Twelve Livery Companies, with a history rooted in the UK wine trade. They generously took over the sponsorship of this award in 2004. The award has been in existence since 1946.



## 2025 Winner

Sebastian's passion for wine began at his family's Hunter Valley vineyard, Mount Eyre Vineyards, where childhood holidays and weekends immersed him in viticulture and winemaking. He later completed the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines at Sydney Wine School, developing a deep fascination with tasting and theory.

On winning the Vintners' Cup, Sebastian said, "It is an immense honour. My disbelief led me to reread the email several times." The award has strengthened his confidence to contribute more actively to the family business, explore new ventures, and pursue further study, potentially including the Master of Wine, while continuing to share his knowledge through teaching and collaboration.

**Sebastian Iannuzzi**  
DipWSET

## Previous Winners

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| <b>1946</b> Jack Gregory       | <b>1966</b> A. F. Crutchley        | <b>1986</b> Robin Woodhouse       | <b>2006</b> Claire Dawson                  |
| <b>1947</b> C. F. Donovan      | <b>1967</b> Geoffrey Sydenham      | <b>1987</b> Philippa Woods        | <b>2007</b> Anne McHale & Nicola Grandorge |
| <b>1948</b> John Surtees       | <b>1968</b> Michael Cliff          | <b>1988</b> Michael Holmes        | <b>2008</b> Catriona Felstead              |
| <b>1949</b> John Surtees       | <b>1969</b> Peter Clarke           | <b>1989</b> Ian McLaren           | <b>2009</b> Irene Bachkönig                |
| <b>1950</b> Geoffrey Butler    | <b>1970</b> Ian Bostock            | <b>1990</b> Jane Brocket          | <b>2010</b> Charlotte Edgecombe            |
| <b>1951</b> John Davies        | <b>1971</b> Anthony Gunn           | <b>1991</b> Lilyane Weston        | <b>2011</b> Emma Harrison                  |
| <b>1952</b> J. E. Hall         | <b>1972</b> Anthony Hanson         | <b>1992</b> Susan Anderson        | <b>2012</b> Mei Hong                       |
| <b>1953</b> P. Spurway         | <b>1973</b> Martyn Brown           | <b>1993</b> Patricia Stefanowicz  | <b>2013</b> Sarah Heller                   |
| <b>1954</b> E. Arnold Tasker   | <b>1974</b> Tim Holland            | <b>1994</b> Rebecca Pinch         | <b>2014</b> Julie Frankland                |
| <b>1955</b> Gerald Asher       | <b>1975</b> Charles Crawford       | <b>1995</b> Sally Easton          | <b>2015</b> Jing Wei Sun                   |
| <b>1956</b> Peter Crameri      | <b>1976</b> Penelope Mansell Jones | <b>1996</b> Linda Jotham          | <b>2016</b> Jason Millar                   |
| <b>1957</b> David Sommerfelt   | <b>1977</b> Richard Harvey         | <b>1997</b> Robert Harris         | <b>2017</b> Moritz Mueller                 |
| <b>1958</b> Robin Don          | <b>1978</b> Jancis Robinson        | <b>1998</b> Chris Foss            | <b>2018</b> Joseph Hallam                  |
| <b>1959</b> James Long         | <b>1979</b> John Burton            | <b>1999</b> Nancy Mittelmajer     | <b>2019</b> Timothy Clark                  |
| <b>1960</b> Martin Bamford     | <b>1980</b> Richard Stewart        | <b>2000</b> Neil Beckett          | <b>2020</b> Mary Wright                    |
| <b>1961</b> Geoffrey Smallwood | <b>1981</b> Arabella Woodrow       | <b>2001</b> Katherine Richardson  | <b>2021</b> Jorge Nunes                    |
| <b>1962</b> Robin Walters      | <b>1982</b> Diana Percival         | <b>2002</b> Sara Basra            | <b>2022</b> Felicity Cox                   |
| <b>1963</b> Clive Waters       | <b>1983</b> Michael Schuster       | <b>2003</b> Sarah Ahmed           | <b>2023</b> Che Chun Alex Tsui             |
| <b>1964</b> A. F. Crutchley    | <b>1984</b> Fiona Roberts          | <b>2004</b> Alexander Carr Taylor | <b>2024</b> Jo Kitley                      |
| <b>1965</b> Charles Hawkins    | <b>1985</b> Angela Bishop          | <b>2005</b> Richard Hamblin       |  |



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